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SUBJ: NARCOTICS SEIZURES AND ARRESTS

1. THAI CUSTOMS OFFICIALS MADE TWO SEIZURES OF NARCOTICS ON JULY
2. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT DON MUANG ARRESTED A HONG KONG CHINESE
COURIER AFTER A BODY SEARCH OF THE MAN REVEALED 3 KILOGRAMS OF
HEROIN CONCEALED IN THE MAN'S UNDERWEAR AND FASTENED AROUND
HIS A KLES. OFFICIALS BECAME SUSPICIOUS WHEN THEY NOTICED THE MAN
WALKING IN A STRANGE MANNER. HE HAD BEEN EN ROUTE TO HONG KONG.

2. ON JULY 2, ACTING ON INSIDE INFORMATION, THAI CUSTOMS
OFFICIALS AT KHLONG THOEI HARBOR SEARCHED THE ENGINE ROOM OF
A SINGAPORE REGISTERED FREIGHTER AND FOUND 1,330 GRAMS OF
MORPHINE BASE, AND 470 GRAMS OF HEROIN. NARCOTICS POLICE WERE
UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE, BUT ARRESTED FOUR CREW-
MEN ON THE ENGINEERING STAFF. ON JULY 3, ANOTHER CREWMAN TURNED
HIMSELF IN TO POLICE STATING THE NARCOTICS BELONGED TO HIM. THE
SEAMAN CLAIMED HE THOUGHT THE NARCOTICS WERE CHINESE MEDICINES.
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